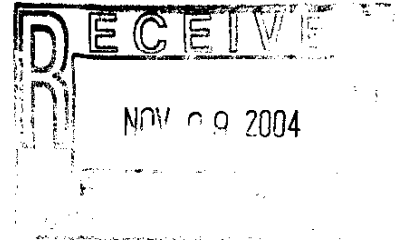


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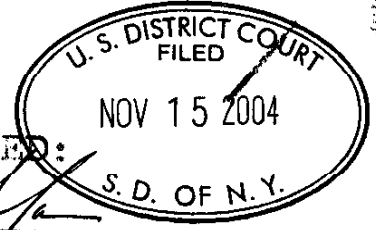


November 5, 2004

VIA UPS

Honorable Frank Maas
United States Magistrate Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 740
New York, New York 10007-1312

SO ORDERED:



Frank Maas 11/9/04

**Re: American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and
Indemnity Association, Inc. v. Alcoa Steamship Co., et al.;
Case No. 04 CV 4309 (LAK)**

Dear Judge Maas:

Lehman Brothers Inc. is in receipt of the Summons and Complaint directed to SEI II Equipment, Inc. ("SEI") in the above-referenced matter. Plaintiff's counsel previously consented to an extension of time for SEI to respond to the complaint, to and including today, and I requested that extension from the Court by letter dated October 21, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed. I am writing to request an additional of extension of time, to and including December 1, 2004, for SEI to respond to the complaint. As I explained to plaintiff's counsel, the extension will permit us to explore further SEI's connection to this matter as well as to obtain and provide further information regarding SEI.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M Chormanski

cc: Lawrence J. Bowles, Esq. (Counsel for Plaintiff)

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